

## Wild horse roundups ramping up as drought grips the U.S. West

**TOOELE, Utah (AP)** — The sound of the helicopter propeller thundered across the horizon as it dipped down toward mustangs dotting the golden brown plain. The horses burst into a gallop at the machine's approach, their high-pitched whinnies rising into the dry air.

That helicopter roundup in the mountains of western Utah removed hundreds of free-roaming wild horses, shortly before the Biden administration announced it would sharply increase the number of mustangs removed across the region. It's an emergency step land managers say is essential to preserving the ecosystem and the horses as a megadrought worsened by climate change

grips the region.

"What were seeing here in the West gives some insight into a new norm," Terry Messmer, a professor at Utah State University who studies wild horse management. The removals are adding fuel to longstanding conflicts with activists for the animals whose beauty and power make them an enduring emblem of the American West. They say the U.S. government is using the drought as an excuse to take out horses in favor of cattle grazing.

Horses that are captured are held in government corrals and pastures mostly in the West and Midwest before they are made available for public adoption.

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Wild horses clash on July 16, 2021, near U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Wild horses clash on July 16, 2021, near U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

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A helicopter pushes wild horses during a roundup on July 14, 2021, near U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

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Some also end up being used by law enforcement entities such as the U.S. Border Patrol, or go to prison inmate programs where they are tamed for future use.

Advocates tried unsuccessfully to stop the round-up of Utah's Onaqui herd, one that's captured the imagination of Hollywood celebrities and Girl Scout troops alike. Horses in the picturesque and accessible herd are so well known that many have names, like the patriarch "Old Man." He was left behind in the July roundup, but about 300 other horses were taken to be adopted or kept in captivity for the rest of their lives.

"It's really unfortunate the Biden administration continues to scapegoat the horses while giving a pass to livestock that have a greater impact on public lands," said Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign. The Bureau of Land Management oversees almost a quarter-billion acres of public land, primarily in the West, and is tasked with managing the wild horse population. It's planning to remove some 6,000 horses, mostly from Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming and Colorado, by October — a 50% increase from last year. Eventually land managers say they need to cut the number of wild horses by two-thirds to keep things in balance.

"In many places where wild horses and burros roam, virtually no vegetation was produced in the spring and early summer growing seasons," said Jason Lutterman, spokesman for the National Wild Horse and Burro Program in Reno, Nevada. The Biden administration has announced reforms aimed at ensuring that captured horses put up for adop-

tion do not eventually end up in slaughterhouses, but advocates worry problems could persist as long as the government offers a \$1,000 adoption incentive.

Wild-horse advocates acknowledge that lack of forage and water can be an issue in some areas, but they argue removals from the herds like the Onaqui are unnecessary.

"The BLM has a drought trump card, and they use it sometimes when they want to take additional horses off the range," Greg Hendricks, director of field operations. Advocates want to leave the horses on the range and instead administer fertility treatments to limit the size of the herd without roundups that can be costly and tough on the animals.

One horse died during the Onaqui roundup. Fertility treatments are used, but require new doses at least annually and can be difficult to administer because they require horses to be tracked down and darted one at a time, Messmer said.

Cattle ranchers, meanwhile, say they've made voluntary changes to reduce grazing on federal lands.

By hauling water to drought-stricken areas for their livestock, they've even helped the horses who drink it too, said Hunter Ihrman, a spokesman for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The number of sheep and cattle that graze on leased public land is far larger than the number of wild horses, Messmer said. A key difference, though, is that livestock are part of the U.S. economy.

"Americans like their McDonald's burgers. They like their Big Macs. They like all of those things, and all of those things have beef as part of it," he said. □



# U.S. moves to cut backlog of asylum cases at U.S.-Mexico border

By BEN FOX

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Biden administration on Wednesday proposed changing how asylum claims are handled, aiming to reduce a huge backlog of cases from the U.S.-Mexico border that has left people waiting years to find out whether they will be allowed to stay in America. Under the proposal, routine asylum cases no longer would automatically be referred to the overwhelmed immigration court system managed by the Justice Department but would be overseen by asylum officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, part of the Homeland Security Department.

Advocates for the change see it as a way to help those with legitimate claims for protection while allowing officials to more quickly deal with people who do not qualify for asylum or are taking advantage of the long delay to stay in the United States.

"Individuals who are eligible will receive relief more swift-



In this June 16, 2021, file photo migrants stand in line at a respite center after they crossed the U.S.-Mexico border and turned themselves in and were released in Del Rio, Texas.

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ly, while those who are not eligible will be expeditiously removed," Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said.

The proposal must go through a public comment period before it can be adopted as a new policy.

Immigration courts have an all-time high backlog of

about 1.3 million cases. The Trump administration tried to deal with the issue in part by imposing stricter criteria for asylum and forcing people to seek protection in Mexico and Central America. President Joe Biden's proposal would streamline the process.

The reason for the change

is that more people have been seeking asylum under U.S. law, particularly at the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years.

As the system works now, people who present themselves at the border or are apprehended by the Border Patrol and identify themselves as asylum-

seekers must pass what is known as a "credible fear" interview. A USCIS asylum officer determines whether they meet the criteria of someone facing persecution in their homeland because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

Even if they pass, their case is now referred to an immigration judge and they can wait years for a resolution. The theory behind the proposed change is that experienced USCIS asylum officers can more quickly sort cases. People who are denied can ask an immigration judge to review the decision and seek an appeal if they are turned down again. Advocates for the new policy believe some with weaker claims may be dissuaded by the early denial.

DHS plans to hire 1,000 asylum officers and 1,000 support staff to handle the extra workload that will result from the change. USCIS already has more than 400,000 asylum cases pending adjudication. □

# TSA extends into January mask rule for airline passengers

By DAVID KOENIG

Federal officials are extending into January a requirement that people on airline flights and public transportation wear face masks, a rule intended to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Transportation Security Administration's current order was scheduled to expire Sept. 13. An agency spokesman said Tuesday that the mandate will be extended until Jan. 18.

The TSA briefed airline industry representatives on its plan Tuesday and planned to discuss it with airline unions on Wednesday. The mask rule also applies to employees on planes and public transportation.

The mask mandate has been controversial and has led to many encounters between passengers who don't want to wear a mask and flight attendants asked to enforce the rule. The Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration said Tuesday that airlines have reported 3,889 incidents involving unruly passengers this year, and 2,867 — or 74% — involved refusing to wear a mask.

Individual airlines declined to comment on the Biden administration's decision, and their trade group, Airlines for America, said only that U.S. carriers will strictly enforce the rule. A broader group, the U.S. Travel Association, said the extension "has the travel industry's full support." The largest union of flight attendants said the move will help keep passengers and aviation workers safe.

"We have a responsibility in aviation to keep everyone safe and do our part to end the pandemic, rather than aid the continuation of it," said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants. "We all look forward to the day masks are no longer required, but

we're not there yet." The mask order, based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for responding to the pandemic, was first issued on Jan. 29, days after President Joe Biden took office. Before that, airlines had their own requirements for face coverings but former President Donald Trump's administration had declined to make it a federal rule.

The extension was not surprising after a recent surge in COVID-19 cases linked to the delta variant of the virus. The seven-day average of new reported cases has topped 140,000, an increase of 64% from two weeks ago and the highest level in more than six months.

Henry Harteveldt, a travel-industry analyst with Atmosphere Research Group, said the administration's decision will reassure peo-



In this May 24, 2020, file photo, a Southwest Airlines flight attendant prepares a plane bound for Orlando, Fla. for takeoff Sunday, at Kansas City International airport in Kansas City, Mo.

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ple who are concerned about the virus.

"I anticipate it will make them feel more confident about traveling through the fall and winter, including the holiday season," Harteveldt said. "Those who don't take the virus seriously will probably complain — but they have no choice but to suck it up and wear

their masks if they want to take an airline flight somewhere."

In recent days, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines have reported that the increase in coronavirus infections has caused a slump in bookings beyond the usual slowdown that occurs near the end of each summer. □



# FBI joins criminal probe in Colorado voting equipment breach

**Associated Press/Report for America**

**DENVER (AP)** — The FBI said Wednesday that its agents are joining a criminal investigation into an alleged security breach of a rural Colorado county's voting equipment.

The agents are working with Mesa County prosecutors to determine if there was a criminal violation, FBI spokeswoman Courtney Bernal said in a statement. The federal probe comes after Colorado's Secretary of State Jena Griswold alerted federal cyber security officials within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of the suspected breach. The federal officials confirmed the alleged breach would not pose significant election risks "at this point," Griswold said earlier this week.

Griswold's office identified the man, but refused to say anything more about who he is or why he was there. The Associated Press isn't naming him until more information becomes available about him. He has not been charged with a crime. Peters condemned



Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold speaks during a press conference about the Mesa County election breach investigation on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021 in Denver.

**Associated Press**

Griswold's inquiry into the alleged security breach at an event last week in South Dakota hosted by My Pillow chief executive Mike Lindell who has become well-known for his unwavering support of Trump and efforts to overturn the 2020 election because of widespread fraud. A range of

election officials across the country including Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, have confirmed that widespread fraud did not take place. Peters said that Griswold's investigation is an attempt at a takeover of Mesa County's elections in one of Colorado's last Republican

strongholds. Peters also alleged that the investigation is an attempt by Griswold and Colorado's Democratic Gov. Jared Polis to "control the way you vote," she told the South Dakota audience.

The dispute is the latest illustration of how the November 2020 election that is a

distant memory for many remains front and center for some far-right supporters of former President Donald Trump. A Republican-led audit of Arizona ballots has been going on for months despite any evidence to support the review.

The federal inquiry adds yet another layer to the political brawl between Griswold and Republican Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters. The feud came to a head last week when Griswold accused Peters of assisting in the security breach by directing staff to turn off video surveillance of its voting equipment before a May 25 software update and allowing a non-employee into the elections office at that time.

Griswold appointed Mesa County Treasurer Sheila Reiner to supervise the county's upcoming elections and a three-person advisory committee to assist Reiner. Griswold also ordered Mesa County to replace its voting equipment due to the posting of the county's voting equipment passwords on a far-right blog. □

# Judge rules Columbus statue in Philadelphia can remain



In this June 16, 2020 file photo, a city worker measures the statue of Christopher Columbus at Marconi Plaza as they build a cover in the South Philadelphia neighborhood of Philadelphia.

**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A statue of Christopher Columbus can remain in south Philadelphia, a judge ruled, reversing the city's decision to remove it after the explorer became a focus of protesters amid nationwide demonstrations against racial injustice after the police killing of George Floyd.

Last year's decision to remove the now-boarded-up statue from Marconi Plaza was unsupported by law and based on insufficient evidence, Common Pleas Court Judge Paula Patrick said.

"It is baffling to this court as to how the city of Philadelphia wants to remove the

statue without any legal basis. The city's entire argument and case is devoid of any legal foundation," Patrick wrote.

The ruling Tuesday overturns a decision in September by a city licensing board that upheld a July 2020 decision by the city historical commission to remove the 144-year-old statue. The judge wrote that the city failed to provide an adequate opportunity for public input about its future.

A city representative expressed disappointment and officials were exploring all options "including a possible appeal."

Attorney George Bochetto, who represents the Friends of Marconi Plaza, said the plaintiffs were "ecstatic." He said he would immediately seek an order to remove a wooden box constructed by city crews around the statue following clashes

between protesters and residents.

In Philadelphia, a city with a deep Italian heritage, supporters say they consider Columbus an emblem of that heritage. Mayor Jim Kenney said Columbus was venerated for centuries as an explorer but had a "much more infamous" history, enslaving Indigenous people and imposing punishments such as severing limbs or even death.

After the June 2020 unrest, Kenney characterized removing the statue as a matter of public safety. Patrick, however, wrote that the city had failed to provide evidence that the statue's removal was necessary to protect the public, calling the confrontations "isolated civil unrest."

In western Pennsylvania, a Columbus statue in a Pittsburgh park was also covered up last fall and its re-

moval ordered, but a community group there also filed suit. A western Pennsylvania judge declared an impasse in June and sent the dispute to mediation. Statues of Columbus were earlier removed in nearby Camden, New Jersey, and Wilmington, Delaware. In Richmond, Virginia, a statue of Christopher Columbus was torn down, set on fire and thrown into a lake. In Columbia, South Carolina, the first U.S. city named for Columbus, a statue of the explorer was removed after it was vandalized several times, and a vandalized statue in Boston also was removed from its pedestal.

Floyd died May 25, 2020, after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes even as he pleaded for air and stopped moving. □



# Tensions high, Biden invites Israel's new PM to Washington

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — President Joe Biden has invited Prime Minister Naftali Bennett to Washington next week to discuss Iran as well as Israel's relationship with the Palestinians, the White House said Wednesday.

The long-expected visit with Israel's new prime minister will take place Aug. 26 amid tensions with the Islamic Republic and Israel's fragile truce with militant Hamas rulers in Gaza following an 11-day war in May.

The meeting will "underscore the United States' unwavering commitment to Israel's security," according to the statement from presidential spokeswoman Jen Psaki. The leaders, she said, "will discuss critical issues related to regional and global security, including Iran."

Bennett, meanwhile, described the upcoming meeting as important. His office said Bennett and Biden "will discuss a series of diplomatic, economic and security issues, especially the Iranian nuclear program."

The Israeli leader made no mention of the cease-fire efforts with Hamas — even as an Egyptian mediator was in the country — or pledges by the U.S. and Is-



Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett speaks during a news conference regarding COVID-19 pandemic in the country on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021 in Jerusalem.

Associated Press

rael to bolster Hamas' rival, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The meeting next week will be the first between the American and Israeli leader — and Bennett's first diplomatic trip as prime minister — at a sensitive time for the security of the Middle East. Politically, both men want to show a steady hand at the helm of their respective governments in the wake of the Israel-Gaza

war and the collapse of Afghanistan's government on Biden's watch.

Both nations want to put the brakes on Iran's conduct in the region and on its nuclear program. But they diverge on the key question of reinstating the 2015 nuclear accord. Former President Donald Trump pulled America out of that agreement in 2018.

Biden campaigned on restoring the deal, with

changes to address Iran's conduct. Bennett and his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, staunchly oppose the accord and have vowed that Israel will act against Iran on its own if need be.

For Bennett, strengthening Israel's relationship with its strong ally, the U.S., is especially important as he leads a coalition government of eight parties from across the political spectrum. Un-

der the coalition deal, Bennett, a founder of the Israeli settlement movement, will step down in 2023. Centrist Yair Lapid, now Israel's foreign minister, will then take the top job.

For Biden, it's a chance to change the subject from the Taliban's blitz across Afghanistan and the collapse of the U.S.-backed government there after 20 years.

While Bennett, who leads a small hard-line party that opposes major concessions to the Palestinians, made no mention of the Palestinians, the White House did — a reflection of human rights concerns for Palestinians among some in Biden's party.

"The visit will also be an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss efforts to advance peace, security, and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians and the importance of working towards a more peaceful and secure future for the region," the White House said.

There have been no substantive talks between Israel and Abbas' government in over a decade. With relations chilly, and the Palestinians divided between rival governments, the prospects for resuming negotiations appear slim. □

# Hong Kong police arrest 4 from university student union

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Four members of a Hong Kong university student union were arrested Wednesday for allegedly advocating terrorism by paying tribute to a person who stabbed a police officer and then killed himself, police said.

Police arrested four men between 18 and 20 years old who were committee members and members of the student council at the University of Hong Kong, said Li Kwai-wah, senior superintendent of the police national security division. He said the arrests were in relation to a council meeting that "promoted terrorism."

Those arrested included the president and coun-

cil chairman, who were among more than 30 students who attended a meeting last month at which they passed a motion to mourn the "sacrifice" of the attacker, local media reported.

The arrests are the latest use of a strict national security law that Beijing imposed on semi-autonomous Hong Kong last year after months of anti-government protests in 2019. The demonstrations often led to clashes between demonstrators and police.

Authorities have said the man who stabbed the police officer in the shoulder on July 1 before killing himself had material in his home decrying the nation-

al security law as well as notes in which he declared his hatred for the police.

Police previously cautioned people against mourning the attacker, saying it was "no different from supporting terrorism."

The student union withdrew its motion mourning the attacker after facing criticism from the government and the university and some union members quit. The university responded by severing ties with the union. Li said the four arrested Wednesday were still in custody.

More than 100 pro-democracy activists have been arrested under the national security law, which outlaws subversion, secession, ter-



A student of Hong Kong University, center with green mask, is escorted by police officers after a home search in Hong Kong Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021.

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rorism and foreign collusion to interfere in the city's affairs.

Critics say the law has been used to stifle dissent

and restrict freedoms Hong Kong was promised it could maintain for 50 years following its 1997 handover to China. □



# EU condemns Belarus for 'direct attack' using migrants

By **LORNE COOK and LIUDAS DAPKUS**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The European Union on Wednesday condemned what it called Belarus's "aggressive behavior" in organizing illegal border crossings with migrants into Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with the aim of destabilizing the 27-nation bloc.

So far this year, more than 4,100 asylum-seekers, most of them from Iraq, have illegally crossed from Belarus into Lithuania. That's 50 times more than during all of 2020. They're being sheltered in temporary camps across the Baltic EU member.

Poland said Wednesday it had deployed nearly 1,000 troops to its border with Belarus to help border guards cope with a surge of migrants — again mostly from Iraq — who were trying to enter the country.

"This aggressive behavior ... is unacceptable and amounts to a direct attack aimed at destabilizing and pressurizing the EU," said a statement by Slovenia, which holds the bloc's



In this file photo taken on Friday, July 9, 2021, Members of the Lithuania State Border Guard Service patrol on the border with Belarus, near the village of Purvenai, Lithuania

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rotating presidency until the end of the year, after emergency talks among the bloc's interior ministers. "The European Union will need to further consider its response to these situations in order to increase its effectiveness and to deter any future attempts to instrumentalize illegal migra-

tion in this manner," the statement said.

The migrant movements spiked dramatically after the EU slapped sanctions on Belarus officials. The measures were imposed after President Alexander Lukashenko ordered a crack-down on opponents and protesters after claiming

victory in a vote last year that the West denounced as rigged. His main election challenger fled to Lithuania.

Slovenia said EU nations are "determined to take all necessary measures to effectively protect all the EU external borders, by counteracting Belarus' aggres-

sion." They also "recognize the need to strengthen the entire external border of the European Union to prevent illegal border crossings in the future."

No details about how that might happen were provided.

Many of the migrants were believed to have arrived in Belarus by plane on commercial flights from Iraq. Those flights have stopped for now, perhaps in part due to the EU's threat to impose visa restrictions on Iraqi citizens and officials. Still, Lithuania's border guard released video footage on Wednesday which it said reveals that migrants are being pushed across the border into EU territory by Belarus riot police. Another video showed several people cross into Lithuania and immediately return to Belarus to be filmed by Belarus officials. After talks with Lithuanian Prime Minister Ingrida Simonyte on Wednesday, EU Parliament President David Sassoli accused Lukashenko of "exploiting these poor people, men and women." □

## EU urged to help Afghan conflict refugees stay in the region



Demonstrators raise their fists during a protest to raise awareness regarding the situation in Afghanistan outside EU headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021.

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**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Afghanistan is not a safe place to deport migrants to, but the European Union should try to assist displaced people inside the conflict-ravaged country or elsewhere in the region rather than wait until they arrive on Europe's doorstep, the bloc's

top migration official said Wednesday.

"It's not possible to send people back to Afghanistan in these days. It's not safe," EU Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson said in a video statement. But Johansson said that "it's important that we can help

these people in Afghanistan, when possible, to return to their homes. We also need to help neighboring countries and support Afghans and these neighboring countries in the region." Speaking after a video-conference with EU interior ministers, she said that Europe "should not wait until people stand at our external border. We need to help them before that. It's also important that we help those under immediate threat to be resettled to EU member states."

Afghans are among the biggest group of people from a single country applying for international protection in Europe, after Syrians. According to some EU estimates, around 570,000 Afghans have applied for asylum in Europe since 2015.

Asylum applications by Afghan nationals climbed by

a third since February as it became clear that the United States would pull troops out of Afghanistan. More than 4,648 applications were lodged in May, according to the EU's asylum office. About half of the applications tend to be successful.

The arrival of well over a million migrants in 2015, mostly from Syria and Iraq, sparked one of the 27-nation EU's biggest crises as nations bickered over how best to manage the influx. The infighting continues today, and a new wave of migrants from Afghanistan is likely to exacerbate tensions.

Austria's interior minister called Wednesday for "deportation centers" to be built in countries neighboring Afghanistan.

"It is important to keep up the rule of law and credibility even in a crisis like

Afghanistan is experiencing right now. And it should continue to be possible to especially deport violent asylum seekers," Interior Minister Karl Nehammer said. "It must be our goal to keep the majority of the people in the region."

The U.N.'s refugee agency has called for a moratorium on the forced return of Afghan nationals, including asylum seekers who have had their claims rejected. Neighboring countries are also likely to be overburdened.

The UNHCR said "it would not be appropriate to forcibly return nationals or former habitual residents of Afghanistan to countries in the region, in view of the fact that countries such as Iran and Pakistan have for decades generously hosted the vast majority of the total global number of Afghan refugees." □



# Report shines light on abuse by Bolivia's interim government

By CARLOS VALDEZ and JOSHUA GOODMAN

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)** — Bolivia's recent interim government came to power by sidestepping constitutional rules for presidential succession and persecuted opponents with "systematic torture" and "summary executions" by security forces in the tumultuous aftermath of Evo Morales' resignation in 2019, according to a new report by independent human rights experts. The scathing, 471-page report is the most comprehensive yet to examine the events surrounding the disputed 2019 presidential vote, when Morales' narrow election to an unprecedented fourth term triggered widespread protests spurred by strong international allegations of voting fraud — claims later questioned by foreign electoral experts.

The report, presented Tuesday in La Paz in an event attended by new President Luis Arce, was commissioned by the Organization of American States chief human rights watchdog under an agreement with the former interim government led by Jeanine Áñez. The five-member panel's findings of widespread abuses by security forces acting under the conservative interim government's direction is likely to embolden leftist supporters of Morales and Arce, who have long maintained Áñez took power through a coup tacitly backed by the Trump administration. It's also likely to undercut criticism by the Biden administration and others suggesting that the jailing of Áñez on sedition and terrorism charges tied to the unrest was politically motivated.

"This thoroughly documented report sets the record straight," said Kathryn Ledebur, who leads the non-profit Andean Information Network in Bolivia and has been a sharp critic of Áñez. Ledebur, an American who has lived in Bolivia for decades, said she finds U.S. policy toward Bolivia especially disappointing because of the parallels



**Women hold portraits of their relatives who died in confrontations with security forces, during a presentation of an Independent Human Rights Experts' report regarding the political crisis and violence of 2019 that led to the fall of President Evo Morales, in the Central Bank of Bolivia, in La Paz, Bolivia, Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021.**

between how the Áñez government spread misinformation and intervened in the judiciary to attack opponents and attempts by former President Donald Trump to hold onto power following his defeat last year.

"Instead of suggesting Áñez's arrest was politically motivated, the U.S. should speak out about the gross human rights violations committed by, and the illegality of, the Áñez government," Ledebur said.

The State Department said that it would not comment until it had heard from the Group of Independent Experts and had reviewed its report. But a spokesperson in an email said that Bolivians deserve accountability based on credible legal proceedings that respect due process.

Following Áñez's arrest in March, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Twitter that he was "deeply concerned by growing signs of antidemocratic behavior and politicization" of Bolivia's justice system.

An OAS electoral mission to Bolivia found a number of "irregularities" in the 2019 election, including the existence of hidden computer servers. Morales officially won by barely enough

votes to avoid a runoff with the second-place finisher. That OAS electoral mission's findings prompted opponents joined by Bolivia's armed forces to pressure Morales into resigning hours after he had acquiesced to OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro's call for a redo of the vote.

Later, researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology would cast doubt on the OAS' claim that a sudden change in voting trends following an extended lapse in releasing results pointed to fraud. The OAS has stood by its findings.

The new report, which was the result of eight months of research partly funded by the U.S. Government and the Ford Foundation, is careful not to endorse claims of a coup against Morales.

But it does question the legitimacy of Áñez's ascent to power, pointing out that her election to the head of the Senate and then as interim president lacked the quorum required by Bolivia's constitution after several of Morales' allies in the legislature resigned in protest.

"If this isn't a coup, what more proof can there be?" Arce said at Tuesday's pre-

suppress unarmed supporters of Morales who poured into the streets. At least 20 people were killed in two incidents the experts characterized as "massacres" perpetrated by security forces acting under the authority of a decree signed by Áñez guaranteeing amnesty for those working to reestablish public order.

"We don't want revenge. We want justice," said Gregoria Siles, whose son Omar was killed after being shot in back in the city Sacaba. The report highlights the deep political polarization surrounding Morales' changing of the constitution to seek a fourth term, deep-seated racism against his Indigenous followers and traditionally weak institutions as aggravating factors.

But it specifically faults Áñez officials for utilizing the judiciary and security forces to target opponents, often based on flimsy evidence. It also found evidence of female detainees being threatened with rape and subjected to genital touching. □

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## Foundation “Ban uni man pa cria nos muchanan” needs a helping hand Feeding the needy children of Aruba every school day

**ORANJESTAD — “Ban uni man pa cria nos muchanan” is a foundation whose goal it is to provide the needy children of Aruba with a breakfast every school day. A breakfast which consists of a sandwich and a drink (juice or milk). It is an independent foundation, receiving no subsidy whatsoever from the government.**

The program started at the beginning of the 2001/2002 schoolyear as a community service project of the Facility Department

of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, with 138 children. At the closing of the schoolyear 320 children were enrolled and this kept growing steadily each year. The 2019 schoolyear started with 650 children but as the schools reopened after the peak of the pandemic, the number of children grew to a staggering 794 children at the closing of the 2019-2020 schoolyear! These children are from 57 elementary schools all over the island. This number also includes about 70 children of the Traimerdia proj-



ect, which is an after school program. For over 20 years the foundation has been providing breakfast to children of elementary schools but they are aiming on some day also be able to provide kindergartens and high schools, seeing that there are many children in need.

The breakfast program is a sponsorship program; although the sponsors are encouraged to donate Fls 25.00 per month, the actual cost per child has doubled. Learning towards Fls. 50.00 per month. Simple arithmetic shows that the current 450 sponsors are not enough. At Fls 50.00 per month it takes 800 sponsors to keep the program running – or a combination of sponsors and donations. Due to the effect of the pandemic and the increase in consumption prices the foundation is expecting a big deficit for the new school year of 2021-2022. If they don't manage to get sufficient funds they will have to reduce the amount of children to 600, meaning that at least 200 children won't be able to receive a breakfast this year and they would have to make the difficult decision in choosing who will stay on the list and who to remove. The foundation will keep working hard and do their utmost on getting these funds but they need the help of the community.

If you feel inspired by this article, do not just turn the page but act upon it. You can help and support this wonderful foundation by making a donation to their bank account at the following banks: CMB 22559501, RBC 43.65.011 and at the Aruba Bank 2516290190.

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## All restaurants are required to have a grease trap

ORANJESTAD – Recently, at the pumping station located at the J.E. Irausquin Boulevard near the high-rise hotels, the Department of Public Works found fresh grease deposits in the water purification plant in Bubali.

These grease deposits cause considerable damage to the plant. All restaurants are required to have a grease trap to capture the grease and to dispose of it responsibly to protect our environment. Irresponsible acts like the one the D.O.W. encountered the last weeks only cause more damage to the water purification plant in Bubali since this plant is already in a delicate state. It is important to remind all restaurant owners of the following:

- All restaurants must have a grease trap;
- if you dispose of the grease in the kitchen, it does not mean that it does not cause problems;
- it is prohibited to throw F.O.G. (Fat, Oil, and Grease) in the sewage system.

The D.O.W. hopes that this regrettable incident sends a signal to all restaurants to comply with the law and regulations. □

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## Great memories at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino

PALM BEACH — Recently, Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor a Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors at their home away from home. The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

The honorees were Margaret and Stephen Deraffele who are residents of New Rochelle, New York. They have many reasons why they keep coming to Aruba. To them Aruba has become more like their home away from home. Hyatt has given them the best memories ever. They appreciate all the people whom they have met throughout the years. The weather is perfect and they have an amazing experience every year, especially at the Hyatt.

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**ORANJESTAD** — We at Aruba today love sharing all kinds of happy news with our readers especially when it comes to the generosity of our loving guests. Many visitors not only come to our island for the sun, food and happy times but many of them also bring things for our children in need. This is the case of a lovely family from New Jersey. Here's their story.

Jennifer Lynn and Jane Koegel have been coming to Aruba for over 15 years. Jennifer's daughter Jessica has been coming since she was 2 months old back in 2011. This is Jessica's 11th trip to her favorite island. This lovely family recently finished a fundraiser for Aruba. They raised over \$1300 and collected items for the youth of the orphanage 'Kinderhuis Imeldahoff' in Noord and the children that attend the homeschool in Paradera. The school was able to purchase new chairs for the students and teachers as well as tables to accommodate new enrollment for the upcoming school year.

Donations of school supplies were gathered by Girl Scout troop 490 from Long Island and also Jessica's girls scout troop 97130 from Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, which donated many items for the youth such as Barbie's and personal hygiene supplies. Tourists from all over contributed with this cause by bringing items in their



own luggage and afterwards brought these to Jennifer at the Riu Place where they were staying. The family is beyond grateful to each and every one who helped and supported her for the second time with this cause. Friends and family to total strangers all came together with 1 sole purpose; Making a difference in a child's life.

On behalf of Aruba Today, we would like to thank Jennifer, Jane and Jessica for this wonderful gesture. Just like them we know there are many visitors who also do this and we truly appreciate each and every act of kindness towards our residents especially our children in need. Thank you! □

## Aruba to me

**ORANJESTAD** — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.

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For today we received an amazing story from Angie Zwicker from Belleville, WI USA. She wrote:

"Aruba to me is...the warm, crystal clear water, amazing beaches, consistent



weather and the great friends we've made over the years! We love to snorkel and capture the beautiful underwater world in photos. The northern beaches are our favorites. You'll find me most days at Boca Catalina swimming with turtles, investigating the rocks and crevices for octopuses, trying to keep up with stingrays, hunting for the elusive seahorse or enjoying the colorful corals. In between snorkels, I'll be on the beach working on my tan!

I travel with my partner, Kurt Grossen to your beautiful island each year, and recently twice a year - 24 trips (and counting!) since 2005. I enjoy reading Aruba Today over breakfast each morning before we head out for a day of adventure". □



# Edmunds: How to calculate an electric vehicle's charge costs

By **JONATHAN ELFALAN**  
**Edmunds**

One of the challenges people have with electric vehicles is figuring out how much they cost to operate. The price of fully charging an electric vehicle's battery can vary wildly depending on when and where you charge it. For the bigger picture, you should also include the amortized cost of buying and installing a home charging station and the rates your utility company charges.

Here's how to calculate what it will cost to charge your EV, as compiled by Edmunds' experts.

**IN: KILOWATT-HOURS PER 100 MILES, OUT: MPG**

When you're shopping for a gasoline-powered car, you pay attention to how many miles per gallon it gets. For plug-in vehicles, the window sticker and the government's fueleconomy.gov website will have a big EPA-estimated mpg equivalent figure. But this isn't a useful metric for determining cost. A battery stores energy in kilowatt-hours, much like a gas tank stores fuel in gallons.

Instead, look for the amount of energy an electric car consumes, which is measured in kilowatt-hours per 100 miles (kWh/100 miles). This value tells you how much energy in kilowatt-hours a vehicle would use to travel 100 miles. Note that this is just the government's estimate; your EV's actual consumption can vary because of your driving style and environment.



This photo provided by Audi shows the automaker's new all-electric production car, the 2022 e-tron GT, charging up at one of many public charging stations.

Associated Press

## COST FOR CHARGING AT HOME

The cost of electricity is more stable than the cost of gasoline, but that cost varies state by state. According to the most recent data, the residential average per kilowatt-hour ranges from 9.9 cents in Idaho to 32.3 cents in Hawaii. The national average is 13.3 cents, which is only about 2 cents more than it was a decade ago. To find your state's average, check this state-by-state list of the average cost per kilowatt-hour.

Your state's average is just that, however. What you pay is determined by your utility company and the plan you use. Electricity cost usually rises with your consumption and varies

depending on the time of use. A kilowatt during the day at peak hours or at month's end is likely to cost more than one during nighttime off-peak hours or at the beginning of the month. Look at your latest utility bill or check your utility's website to see the current rates.

To estimate your cost of charging at home, multiply your vehicle's kWh/100 miles figure by the electric rate for the time of day you'll most often be charging. That figure will tell you the cost per 100 miles.

Here's an example: Let's say you own a 2021 Tesla Model 3 Standard Range Plus — it gets an EPA-estimated 24 kWh/100 miles — and your utility's pricing plan starts at 18 cents per kWh and rises

to a maximum of 37 cents per kWh. As such, it would cost as little as \$8.64 to recharge at home after driving 200 miles or potentially \$17.76 if you recharged during your utility's peak rates.

EVs vary in efficiency too. Let's say you sold your Model 3 in the above example and replaced it with a 2021 Audi e-tron. The Audi uses an estimated 43 kWh/100 miles. Now you'd be paying \$15.48-\$31.82 after driving 200 miles using the same rates above.

## COST OF HOME CHARGING SETUP

Besides understanding what it will cost to power an EV, it's also important to know the cost of the charging equipment itself. Technically, the vehicle's "char-

ger" is actually built into the car. That box with the colored lights, long cord and connector plug that you hang on the wall of your garage or carport is properly known as the "electric vehicle supply equipment" or EVSE. But it's OK if you call it a car home charging station or an EV charger — almost everyone does.

Most vehicle automakers have a preferred charger provider, but there are dozens of companies selling EVSEs. A search online will help you find the features, power output and pricing that best suit your needs. Just search for "EVSE" or "EV home chargers." Prices for a good 240-volt Level 2 home system can range from just under \$200 to more than \$1,000 before installation. Some of these systems can report exactly how much electricity you use to charge your vehicle. Installation costs for EVSEs vary by region, depending on such factors as local labor rates, materials used, and government permit costs and requirements. The biggest variable is typically permit costs. National average costs for a wall-mounted EVSE can range from \$850 to \$2,500.

## EDMUNDS SAYS:

EV charging is unfamiliar territory for anyone raised in a gas-car culture. But if you spend just a little time getting familiar with how it works and what's involved, figuring out your charging costs will eventually be less work than driving to a pump. And cheaper too. □

# Robinhood's crypto trading surges, as overall growth slows

**NEW YORK (AP)** — After helping a new generation of investors get into stocks, Robinhood is increasingly doing the same for cryptocurrencies.

More than \$4 of every \$10 that Robinhood Markets Inc. made in revenue during the spring came just from customers trading bitcoin, dogecoin and other cryptocurrencies.

Robinhood also said Wednesday that it lost

\$501.7 million, or \$2.16 per share, compared with a profit of \$57.6 million, or 9 cents per share, in last year's second quarter.

The loss was no surprise after the company had earlier given preliminary estimated results for the quarter. The company's slowdown in revenue growth was also expected: It more than halved to 131% from 309% in the first three months of the year.

But the degree of the sharp rise in crypto's importance to Robinhood's business was striking. Cryptocurrencies made up 41% of all of Robinhood's \$565.3 million in revenue. That's up from 17% in the first three months of the year and from just 3% at the start of last year.

The spring marked the first quarter for Robinhood where new customers were more likely to make

their first trade in cryptocurrencies rather than in stocks.

Shares in Robinhood, which is based in Menlo Park, California, have moved sharply up and down since they began trading at \$38 on July 29, veering between \$33.25 and \$85. They were down 6.8% in after-hours trading, after rising 6.7% Wednesday to close at \$49.80. Robinhood's crypto trad-

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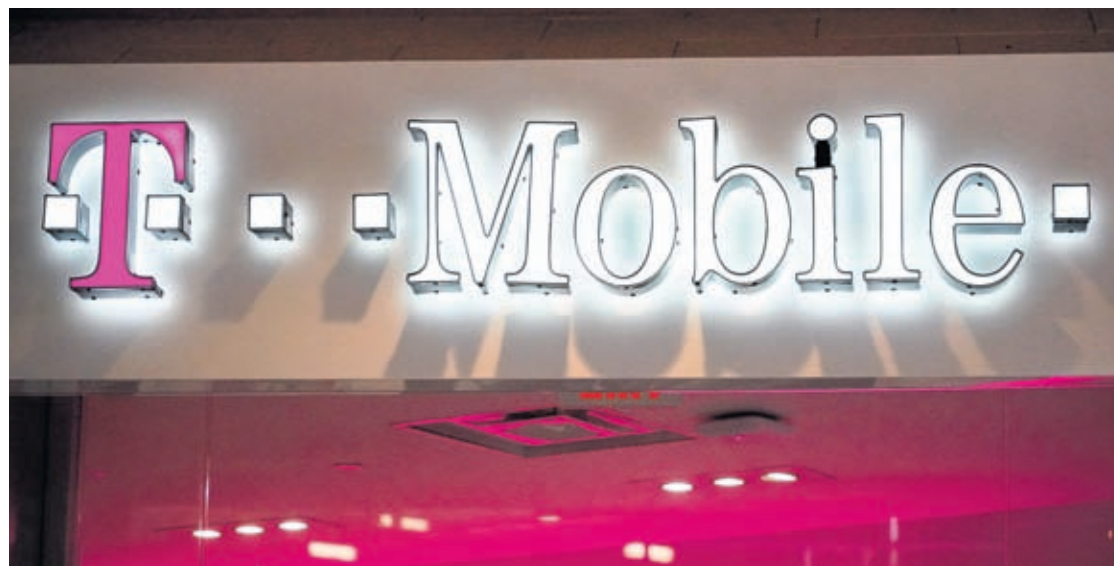
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This Feb. 24, 2021 photo shows a T-Mobile store at a shopping mall in Pittsburgh. This Feb. 24, 2021 photo shows a T-Mobile store at a shopping mall in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

## Data of 40 million plus exposed in latest T-Mobile breach

By MATT O'BRIEN

The names, Social Security numbers and information from driver's licenses or other identification of just over 40 million people who applied for T-Mobile credit were exposed in a recent data breach, the company said Wednesday.

The same data for about 7.8 million current T-Mobile customers who pay monthly for phone service also appears to be compromised. No phone numbers, account numbers, PINs, passwords or financial information from the nearly 50 million records and accounts were compromised, it said.

T-Mobile has been hit before by data theft but in the most recent case, "the sheer numbers far exceed the previous breaches," said Gartner analyst Paul Furtado.

T-Mobile, which is based in Bellevue, Washington, became one of the country's largest cellphone service carriers, along with AT&T and Verizon, after buying rival Sprint.

"Yes, they have a big target on their back but that shouldn't be a surprise to them," Furtado said. "You have to start questioning the organization. How much are they actually addressing these breaches and the level of seriousness?"

T-Mobile also confirmed Wednesday that approximately 850,000 active T-

Mobile prepaid customer names, phone numbers and account PINs were exposed. The company said that it proactively reset all of the PINs on those accounts. No Metro by T-Mobile, former Sprint prepaid, or Boost customers had their names or PINs exposed.

There was also some additional information from inactive prepaid accounts accessed through prepaid billing files. T-Mobile said that no customer financial information, credit card information, debit or other payment information or Social Security numbers were in the inactive file.

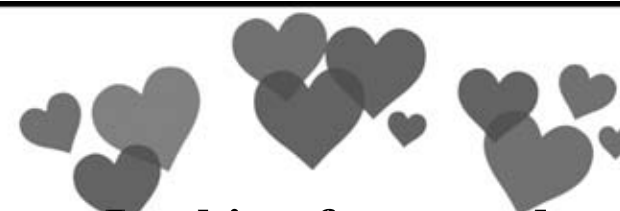
T-Mobile had said earlier this week that it was investigating a leak of its data after someone took to an

online forum offering to sell the personal information of cellphone users.

The company said Monday that it had confirmed there was unauthorized access to "some T-Mobile data" and that it had closed the entry point used to gain access.

The company said that it will immediately offer two years of free identity protection services and is recommending that all of its postpaid customers — those who pay in monthly installments — change their PIN. Its investigation is ongoing.

She said the hack didn't appear particularly sophisticated and involved a configuration issue on a server used for testing T-Mobile phones. □



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# Sean Penn, with daughter Dylan, directs again in 'Flag Day'

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CANNES, France (AP) —

Sean Penn is sort of done with movies.

He's still making them, here and there. But Penn is mostly seeing out commitments he made years earlier. After those? He's not so sure how much more he's going to be acting or directing.

Penn, the 61-year-old maverick actor and sometimes filmmaker, is in many ways happily out of step with many of the prevailing winds in Hollywood. Streaming films? Franchise movies? So-called "cancel culture?" All of these things draw his ire, to various degrees. Meanwhile, Penn is dedicating more of his time to Haitian relief efforts and getting people vaccinated than he does to movies.

All of that makes "Flag Day," a new film Penn directed and co-stars in, a rarity for a once voracious actor who in the past decade has been a co-lead in only a few movies ("The Professor and the Madman," "Gangster Squad"). In the father-daughter drama, which MGM will release Friday in theaters, Penn plays a larger-than-life but often absent and sometimes imprisoned father to daughter Jennifer (played by Penn's daughter Dylan Penn).

"I'm currently feeling with this movie incredibly lucky to have a movie that's going to be a movie, that's going to have a theatrical front," Penn said in an interview last month. "I, as an audience, can be very into some of the things that are only streaming. But as a practitioner, not at all. To act in something, you take it in a certain stride. But as a director, the way I've always put it is: It's not the girl I fell in love with."

And Penn increasingly sounds like someone for



Sean Penn, left, and Dylan Penn pose for portrait photographs for the film 'Flag Day', at the 74th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Saturday, July 10, 2021.

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whom the romance of movies has faded. He misses Hollywood films that aren't "just razzle-dazzle, Cirque du Soleil movies," he says. On Marvel movies, he laments "how much it's taken up the space and claimed so much time in the careers of so many talented people." Arguing that today he wouldn't be allowed to play gay icon Harvey Milk (2008's "Milk"), Penn recently said that soon only Danish princes will be playing Hamlet.

And Penn's generally well-regarded directing career (including 1995's "The Crossing Guard" and 2001's "The Pledge," both with Jack Nicholson; and 2007's "Into the Wild") has lately been rockier. His last film, 2016's "The Last Face," with Charlize Theron, flopped, and was loudly booed at its Cannes Film Festival debut. Yet Penn last month returned to Cannes to premiere "Flag Day."

"I've been on such extreme ends on that. It's like: whatever," says Penn. "The thing is: I am confident that I know as much — more — about acting than almost any of these critics. And I'm very confident in the performance I'm most concerned about."

With that, Penn raises his hand and points toward where Dylan is sitting across an otherwise empty hotel bar off Cannes' Croisette. Dylan, 30, is the star of "Flag Day." She has dabbled before in acting but it's easily her biggest role yet. In the film, adapted from Jennifer Vogel's 2005 memoir "Flin-Flam Man: The True Story of My Father's Counterfeit Life," she plays an aspiring journalist with a seldom truthful father.

Penn's confidence isn't misplaced. In "Flag Day," Dylan is natural, poised and captivating. She looks a veteran, already, which might be expected of the child

of Penn and Robin Wright. And those critics? Some have been quite complimentary. Variety said the film "reveals Dylan Penn to be a major actor."

Just as Penn is withdrawing from movies, his daughter is stepping forward — even if she didn't immediately seek the spotlight.

"Growing up, being surrounded by actors and being on set, it was really something that didn't interest me at all," Dylan says. "I always thought, and still think, my passion lies in working behind the camera. But as soon as I expressed wanting to do that kind of thing, both of my parents said separately: You won't be a good director if you don't know what it's like to be in the actor's shoes."

Dylan grants that her dad may be "passing the torch a little bit." Hopper Jack Penn, her younger brother, also co-stars in "Flag Day." (The rest of the cast includes Josh Brolin and Regina King. Original songs by Cat Power, Eddie Vedder and Glen Hansard contribute to the score.)

"I have always thought if she wanted to do it, I'd encourage it," Penn says.

For Dylan, the father-

daughter relationship of "Flag Day" — Jennifer tries to help and stabilize her scamming father but also inherits some of his more destructive, conman habits — is a half-reflection of their own bond together.

"She always strived to have this really honest, transparent relationship with her father which she never got it in return," Dylan says. "I've tried to have that with my dad and got it in return."

Penn has recently been shooting Sam Esmail's Watergate series for Starz, with Julia Roberts. He's been vocal that vaccinations ought to be required for everyone on set. During the pandemic, Penn's Community Organized Relief Effort non-profit, which he started after the 2010 earthquake to help Haitians, erected testing and vaccination sites, helping dispense millions of shots.

Perhaps those experiences have made Penn only further repelled by anything artificial.

"My tolerance for the contrived is less and less," says Penn.

But working with Dylan came naturally. Talking about her attentive, even disarming presence, he calls her "as uncontrived as it gets."

"I would be sort of taken about by it sometimes, like: 'Uh, oh. She's really listening to this. Is she seeing right through this?'" says Penn.

Penn started out younger — he was starring in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" by the time he was 21. He felt confident from the start in roles that were like him — "young and very shy," as he describes. Staying natural while expanding away from himself, Penn says, has been the journey ever since.

"How do you feel as natural, as free in something where you're going to the role as in something where you're bringing the role to you? To varying degrees of success and failure, that's what the road has been — to find that original unquestioning," says Penn. "There's stuff that I see in Dylan that is so unquestioning." □





# Cleared to earn money, college athletes tap creative sides

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) —

Will Ulmer doesn't have to hide anymore.

The Marshall offensive lineman, all 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds of him, unleashed a year's worth of energy in his first on-stage performance since the start of the pandemic, playing guitar and belting out songs in his Kentucky baritone for a modest crowd outside a Huntington ice cream store.

His keychain fastened to a belt loop and a can of smokeless tobacco bulging from a back pocket, Ulmer spent an hour singing country favorites along with one he wrote before finishing up with his spin on a West Virginia favorite, John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

This time, he used his real name, too.

The NCAA's decision to allow athletes to be paid for their fame and celebrity has led to scores of deals big and small from coast to coast since July 1. Sponsorships and endorsements are the most common, but there has been another welcome wrinkle: Ulmer and other athletes are now able to show off their



SMU defensive back RaSun Kazadi works on a painting at his apartment Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, in Dallas.

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creative, artistic sides and earn some money while they're at it.

For Ulmer, it means being able to play his music at gigs without masking his identity under the pseudonym "Lucky Bill." For Nebraska volleyball player Lexi Sun, it has meant helping design sports apparel. For SMU defensive back Ra-Sun Kazadi, it means he can sell his art.

"College athletes for the longest time haven't really had a lot of opportunities to

make money," Ulmer said. "I think this is a great one for me. But it's not really about the money."

Like Ulmer, Kazadi sees his craft as an extension of himself. His works are a wide-ranging assortment that includes paintings of athletes, civil rights leaders, Egyptian Queen Nefertiti and the late rapper Tupac Shakur. Among his digital works is Emmy-winning actress and singer Zendaya.

A junior, Kazadi, who goes by Ra, has been paint-

ing only since high school. Some works are lighthearted and fun. Some were done as stress relief. Others reflect a certain point in his life. He also runs a separate non-profit group to promote social justice and community conflict resolution.

"My art, it is me," Kazadi said. "Hopefully when people see it, they kind of see me. They kind of see what I'm thinking, how I'm feeling. So I feel like a lot of what I don't say is communicated

through my art."

Before the NCAA change earlier this summer, Kazadi wasn't allowed to connect his face to his work. A Texas law that debuted last month letting students to profit off their name, image or likeness "has made a huge change in my life," in part through art sales off his website.

He's also showcasing his work at art shows, landed a sponsorship-mentorship deal with a custom art company, is working with real estate companies and interior designers, and there's been greater curiosity from high schools seeking to have him paint murals on their campuses.

The post-NIL interest has been so profound that Kazadi is mulling the possibility of hiring someone to help him out.

"It's definitely helped me navigate the art world and helped me know that it's actually a possibility," he said.

Sun wanted her deal with volleyball apparel company Ren Athletics to allow her personality and style to shine through in the launch of her clothing line — a black sweatshirt with her name and a golden outline of the sun's rays. □

# Olympic bronze medalist Molly Seidel to run NYC Marathon

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NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic bronze medalist Molly Seidel is one of several stand-out American women planning to run the New York City Marathon in November, race organizers announced Wednesday.

Seidel stunned even herself with a third-place finish in Tokyo this month in just the third 26.2-mile race of her career. An NCAA Division I champion at Notre Dame in the 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 meter events, she is now the headliner for the NYC Marathon's 50th running in her five-borough debut.

"Since the beginning of 2021, I've had two races circled on my calendar:

the Olympic Games' marathon on Aug. 7 and the TCS New York City Marathon on Nov. 7," said Seidel, 27, who grew up in Wisconsin. "Winning the bronze medal in Sapporo showed that I can run with the best in the world, and on any given day, anything is possible." Fellow U.S. Olympians Aliphine Tuliamuk, Sally Kipyego and Emily Sisson will also be in the field, along with 2018 Boston Marathon winner Des Linden. Four-time champion Mary Keitany of Kenya won't participate for the first time since 2013.

The men's professional field has not yet been announced. The 2020 NYC Marathon was canceled by the pan-

demic, but Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced in June that the 2021 race would go on — albeit with a field limited to about 33,000 entrants, down from 55,000 in 2019.

Tuliamuk, who was born in Kenya, won the 2020 U.S. Olympic marathon trials in Atlanta four years after gaining American citizenship. She gave birth to a daughter in January 2021 but still competed in Tokyo. She dropped out near the 20-kilometer mark.

"I want to inspire people, most importantly my daughter, to chase their dreams," she said in a statement released by the NYC Marathon. "I'm a different athlete and person than I was the last time I ran the



Molly Seidel, of United States, reacts after her third place finish in the women's marathon at the 2020 Summer Olympics, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, in Sapporo, Japan.

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TCS New York City Marathon in 2019, so why not fulfill one more dream on Nov. 7?"

Tatyana McFadden is pursuing a record sixth NYC

Marathon title in the wheelchair division but hasn't won since 2016.

The international field of competitors will be announced later. □



# Pressure mounting for FedEx Cup and Ryder Cup

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**JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)** — This is one time where winning really does take care of everything.

For most players, it's all about the money.

And for a dozen or so Americans, it's about playing for no money at all.

The Northern Trust not only is the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs, it's the beginning of the end for Ryder Cup qualifying. Two tournaments are left before the top six Americans earn a spot on the team, and then Steve Stricker has six captain's picks a week later.

Whatever stress or pressure a player feels depends on his position on each list.

The solution is the same for both: Play well.

"I still think it's about preparing for each individual tournament as best you can," Patrick Cantlay said. "Because it's so complicated, there can be so much ebb and flow, it's not worth trying to get caught up in all that points business."

Cantlay is No. 3 in the FedEx Cup. There's not much stress there, at least not yet. He is No. 11 in the Ryder Cup and after his experience in the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne, making the team is a priority.

"The Ryder Cup, I'd love to play," he said. "That feels totally different. That feels like the only thing that's important is the points that are



**Collin Morikawa hits on the 10th hole during the second round in the World Golf Championship-FedEx St. Jude Invitational tournament, Friday, Aug. 6, 2021, in Memphis, Tenn.**

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going on. But the way way to do that is to take care of your business."

Collin Morikawa is the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup and No. 1 in the Ryder Cup standings, having already clinched a spot on the U.S. team, along with Dustin Johnson.

The Ryder Cup points are big because the money is big — a \$9.5 million purse each of the next two weeks. Paul Azinger, the real "Captain America" in golf, doesn't get enough credit for revamping the U.S. system 15 years ago to base points on money.

Xander Schauffele is holding down the sixth spot over

Jordan Spieth — both figure to be at Whistling Straits at the end of September, even if they don't qualify automatically. Harris English and Daniel Berger are in the top 10 with no Ryder Cup experience. More is at stake for them.

Berger is No. 10 in the Ryder Cup and No. 20 in the FedEx Cup. A win this week at Liberty National likely would move him to the top of the FedEx Cup and inside the top six in the Ryder Cup standings. That's a lot to take in.

"This is the advice I could give them," said Jon Rahm, who has no such concerns as a Spaniard who is No. 5

in the FedEx Cup and has locked up a spot on the European team. "Focus on playing good. Forget about the Ryder Cup and forget about East Lake. When you're going out there Thursday, have a good showing.

"If you top 10 in both events, you plead your case to play in the Ryder Cup," he said. "And you go up in the points race."

One cup or two, that's what late summer on the PGA Tour was designed to be.

"I think it's probably the most cutthroat golf that we can have in terms of pressure," Schauffele said. "We always have so much to

play for, and it all comes out of this."

The idea behind the FedEx Cup playoffs when they began in 2007 was for players to be at their best during the postseason chase for a cash bonanza — \$10 million for the winner back then, \$15 million now, rising to \$18 million next year.

Playing well throughout the season certainly helps, which explains why Morikawa with his British Open and a World Golf Championship title is the top seed going into the first of three postseason events.

That already earned him \$2 million for leading the regular season.

It guarantees little else.

Tiger Woods in 2007 and Spieth in 2015 are the only players who started the postseason as the No. 1 seed and won the FedEx Cup. Spieth began that postseason by missing two straight cuts. Woods sat out the first of what was then four playoff events. All that mattered was the final event at the Tour Championship.

It's a little different now with a system that rewards players with a head start at the Tour Championship depending on their FedEx Cup ranking. The No. 1 seed starts at 10-under par before even hitting a shot at East Lake. The No. 2 seed starts at 8 under, all the way down to the last five players at even par. □



**In this April 12, 2017, file photo, Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (87) and Evgeni Malkin (71) line up for a face-off during the second period in Game one of a first-round NHL hockey playoff series against the Columbus Blue Jackets in Pittsburgh.**

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## AP source: NHL teams OK'd to add sponsor patches on jerseys

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

Jersey advertisements are coming to the NHL.

The league will allow teams to put sponsor patches on jerseys beginning with the 2022-23 season after the board of governors unanimously approved the move, according to a person with knowledge of a memo sent this week. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the league had not announced the decision.

The NHL added helmet ads last season, which largely allowed teams to make sponsors whole during the pandemic for previously negotiated agreements. League officials, including Commissioner Gary Bettman, had said the next step of going to jersey ads would have to be at a value that's worthwhile in hockey, a sport that has long prioritized the front of the "sweater." Sportico first reported the addition of jersey ads, saying they

can be up to 3.5x3 inches. The New Jersey Devils, Washington Capitals and Nashville Predators were the first teams to unveil helmet ads last December. Each struck a deal done with the company that sponsors the naming rights for its arena.

The NBA began selling jersey sponsorships in 2017-18, when Nike became the league's official apparel company. The program has brought in well over \$150 million in revenue. □